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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

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3. Enclosed please find ten sheets of replacement drawings for figures 1 through 22B.

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